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Applicant(s): Gettala, et al. **Docket:** 139099
Serial No.: 10/687,426 **Art Unit:** 2662
Filed: October 16, 2003 **Examiner:** Hassan Kizou
Title: System and Method for Providing Communications in a Network Using a
 Redundant Switching Architecture

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Applicants filed the above-referenced application with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("PTO") October 16, 2003. No correspondence or action has been received from the PTO since April 29, 2005, and we have not received a first Office Action.

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